The Government of India supplements the efforts of National Sports Federations in the preparation/training of selected sportspersons/teams in the following manner:—

(i) Provision of equipment and scientific support to sportspersons.

(ii) Intensive coaching of players by Indian and foreign coaches in coaching camps.

(iii) Intensive training abroad to the teams as well as Indian coaches.

(iv) Financial assistance to the federations concerned for the participation of teams/sportspersons in international tournaments.

(v) Scholarships to outstanding boys and girls are provided so that they can have a nutritious diet, secure sports equipment support and pursue sports as a career. Scholarships are also given to women under scheme of "Special Scholarships for Women" for undertaking research in sports related subjects.

(vi) Assistance for the purchase of equipment and scientific support and training under Indian/foreign coaches to elite sportspersons under the 'Scheme relating to Talent Search & Training" and the 'National Sports Development Fund'.

Sports in concurrent list

1928. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is any proposal for bringing "sports" under the Concurrent List; and

(b) whether Government propose to have a sports policy for promotion of sports in the country?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry has already formulated a National Sports Policy, 2001 for promotion of sports in the country.